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Pot Luck in the Muck

The Sept. 23 and 24 performances of Pot Luck in the Muck have been postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. To all our supporters and friends, we apologize for any inconvenience. This was a hard decision to make for many reasons, but as time grows shorter the Advisory Committee unanimously decided that we simply are not ready to give the quality performance the Glades community and other friends deserve.

The new performance dates will be announced shortly. We will still welcome volunteers who wish to help with sets, props, acting, and singing, and any other contributions.

Pot Luck belongs to the community. We can't put it on without on-going commitment from you, and we won't put it on if we cannot give you a first-class, complete production.

For more information, or to volunteer your time, please call: Sandy Mercer or Marian McGhee (GDC) 992-9500, Leigh Woodham (Dolly Hand CAC) 992-6160.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

The C.L. Brumback Health Center staff and community friends are planning on having a team at the 24th Annual Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. This event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 21; the team is forming now.

For more information call Marylou at 996-1628 or 992-8146.

GED Test

The GED Test will be given at Glades Central Community High School on Oct. 2 and 3, at 8 a.m. and Oct. 4, 5, and 6 p.m. Adults planning to take the test must be 18 years of age, in the community school office between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, and 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Fridays. The registration deadline is 3 p.m., Sept. 29. The cost of the tests is \$40.00. For more information, call 992-4404.

Benefit gospel sing

A benefit gospel sing will be held at the Pahoek Church of the Nazarene on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 7-9 p.m. Everybody is welcome to join in. Call Brenda at 924-7123 for a time slot.

Free concert at Dolly Hand

The Florida Philharmonic will perform in a free concert at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on Monday, Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

For complimentary tickets call 992-6160 or 992-6161. The concert is by reserved seating only.

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Proposed city manager contract draws ire of residents



A group of Belle Glade residents, some carrying signs, came to the Belle Glade commission meeting Monday to protest a proposed contract with the city manager candidate.

By Brenda Bunting

A group of Belle Glade residents, alerted to the provisions in a contract proposed by top city manager candidate Tony Smith, showed up at Monday night's Belle Glade commission meeting in large numbers.

An over-capacity crowd flowing over into the reception area of city hall stayed through the entire two-and-a-half hour meeting. Many expressed their displeasure with provisions in Mr. Smith's contract by displaying signs saying "No contract."

Mr. Smith, who was the top candidate for the open position and is in negotiations with Belle Glade, is asking for a severance package that, according to City Attorney Charles Schoech, could be extremely costly to the city if they terminate him soon after he is hired.

Mr. Smith's contract states that if he is terminated in the first year, he would receive 12 months severance pay. If let go in the second year, he would receive nine

months severance pay. If let go in the fourth or fifth year of employment, he would get six months severance pay.

"If you terminated Mr. Smith at the next meeting," Mr. Schoech said, adding that he had heard this might happen after the new commissioners take office, "it could cost the city almost a half million dollars."

Some of the provisions in Mr. Smith's submitted contract from his attorney, according to Mr. Schoech, are in direct conflict with the city's charter. The portion referred to concerns Mr. Smith's request that the city pay for his housing in Belle Glade. Mr. Schoech said the city's charter clearly states that public funds cannot be used for private use and this portion of Mr. Smith's request would violate the city's charter.

"In this case, the charter prevents," said Mr. Schoech, "and the city cannot enter into this contract."

Vice Mayor D. Bill Mathis said, "I am very troubled by this contract. I've known Tony Smith

for years. I'm not concerned about the color of his skin. I'm concerned about this contract. I'm not going to vote for this contract as it stands and that has nothing to do with Tony Smith."

Mr. Schoech also said he is also concerned with the timing of the contract. He said the contract states Mr. Smith's hire date would be Sept. 19, even though Mr. Smith would not officially start work until Nov. 1. He suggested the contract should start on the day Mr. Smith is on board.

Commissioner Steve Wilson said the city needed to move ahead quickly on hiring a new city manager. He said Mr. Smith's salary request was only just over \$6,000 more than what former City Manager Shelton Smith made. Tony Smith is asking for an annual salary of \$86,000.

Mayor Hanna Miller agreed, saying she had participated with the City Attorney and Acting City Manager Dave Wood in the contract negotiations during a public hour meeting with Mr. Smith's

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Pahoek tentatively approves 12.22 percent increase in budget

By Tracy Whirls

The Pahoek commission at their Sept. 12 meeting tentatively approved a 12.22 percent increase in the fiscal year 2000-2001 budget, setting the city's general fund revenue at \$3,466,554. The projected budget is based on a 7.75 per thousand millage rate. The roll-back rate is \$9.062 mills. The city's total budget, including utilities funds and state appropriations is projected at

\$8,967,711

In announcing the proposed budget, Mayor Roy Singleton said, "I've been looking at other cities' budgets in the paper. Some have raised their's by 18, 22 percent. We've tried to hold back as long as we could, but we're not doing the city any favors by holding back."

The tentative budget includes salary increases for city employees, based on merit, that range from one to ten percent.

"It's the first time we've had raises based on a man's ability," said Commissioner Pete Moore. "There are still some people in the city who deserve more," said Commissioner Hugh Branch.

The city's five firefighters will get the largest salary increase, at 10 percent. The average increase for other city employees is between one and five percent, although some city hall

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Chamber of Commerce Political Forum well-attended

By Brenda Bunting

Crime and education were two hot topics at last Wednesday's Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce Political Forum.

Candidates for Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and Palm Beach County School Board drew a crowd of over 200 people, many of whom were questioning them on issues relating to safety and school overcrowding.

Although sheriff's candidates Robert W. Neumann (current sheriff) and challenger Edward W. Beluch were the last to speak at the forum, the two had the most heated debate and drew the most questions from the audience.

Sheriff Neumann lauded the fact that crime was down 13 percent under his leadership. His opponent noted that officer morale was down and said over 400 employees with the department were backing him for sheriff.

Palm Beach County School Board, District 7 candidates Sandra Richmond and Bryan Culpepper also drew questions from the crowd, who wanted to know if portables were going to be used at new school sites. Mr. Culpepper said they were already being put up next to new schools. Longtime incumbent Mrs.

Richmond said the school board is trying to build schools so portables will not be necessary.

Moderator for the Chamber's Forum was Tania Rogers, news commentator for Channel 5. Sponsors for the forum included the Belle Glade Elks Lodge 1716, the Pahoek Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Glades Alumni, the Republican party of Palm Beach County and Bal's Electronics.

Other candidates attending included: US Senate candidate Willie Logan; US House of Representatives District 16 candidate Jean Elliot Brown; John McGuire and a representative from Congressman Mark Foley's office; Florida House of Representatives, District 35 candidate Sherree R. Lowe; District 84 candidate Scott Ryan Anderson, and Myra Orlando, Public Defender's Office candidate Carey Haugworth and incumbent Richard Jorandby; Clerk of the Court incumbent Dorothy Wilken and Wanda Thayer; Tax Collector candidate Bob Williams; Port of Palm Beach, Group 3 candidate John Sansbury; US Senate Independent candidate Willie Logan, who is up against Bill McCollum and Bill Nelson for the

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Miller, Wikerson file formal protests of election results

By Brenda Bunting

Editor

Both incumbents in the Sept. 12 election have filed formal protests of the election results. Hanna Miller, current mayor, lost the election of Seat A to political newcomer Jeff Hawkins by 623 votes. Commissioner Mary Ross Wikerson lost Seat B to Donald Garrett by 605 votes.

Both incumbents are asking Supervisor of Elections Theresa LaPore to double check several items concerning the election. Each are asking Mrs. LaPore to do a recount of all the "under" votes, or votes which were not counted by the machine due to double-punching or instances in which the voter did not completely punch out the hole. Mrs. Miller said in her case, this amounts to 51 votes. Both want verification that voters from the same address didn't vote by absentee ballot and again during the election. There were 226 absentee ballots in this election.

Both Mrs. Miller and Ms. Wikerson said that where there was no picture identification required for affidavit ballots,

they want proof of voter registration. They also want to be assured that the number of voter punch cards are equal to the number of signatures reported through election officials.

Mrs. Wikerson has also asked that Mrs. LaPore compare signatures with deceased voters.

The possible discrepancy involved in the above is 484 votes to approximately 600 votes, which could change the outcome of the election for Seat A of the city commission," said Mrs. Miller.

A recount of the election returns was done Wednesday, Sept. 20 in the Office of the County Supervisor of Elections in West Palm Beach. Results of that recount were not available at press time.

Newly-elected commissioners are normally sworn in at the conclusion of the next city commission meeting for the election, but because of the protests, they will not be sworn in until after the recount. They were both scheduled to take office on October 1.

South Bay proposes 9.3263 millage rate

By Tracy Whirls

The South Bay Commission will hold a public hearing Sept. 26 for final approval of the city's proposed \$5,411,422 total budget, including the \$2,703,053 general fund budget based on a 9.3263 per thousand millage rate on ad valorem taxes.

In reviewing the proposed budget at the Sept. 6 regular commission meeting, City Manager Michael Jackson noted that the city's financial outlook is good for the upcoming year. He said many of the projects the city has ongoing,

including the construction of a new Head Start Facility at the city's Park of Commerce, the franchise agreement with NUI to route a natural gas pipeline through South Bay and state approval of the Crossroads Lake Depot and Market Place are near fruition and franchise fees, permitting fees and occupational license fees from those projects will improve the city's revenue stream.

The city manager recommended a freeze on raises at 3 percent and a hiring freeze until

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Pahoek commission upholds \$6500 code enforcement lien

By Tracy Whirls

The Pahoek Commission at their Sept. 12 meeting voted to uphold \$6,500 in code enforcement liens imposed against a West Palm Beach man who owns two overgrown vacant lots in the city.

James Johnson had approached the commission, after the city's code enforce-

ment board had reduced \$13,000 in fines imposed for his failure to maintain the two lots to \$6,500. Mr. Johnson said he only recently paid \$2,000 in back taxes on the property and still owes \$4,000 in taxes on the lots that originally belonged to his parents. Mr. Johnson said the property should be auctioned off for back taxes.

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A room full of politicians... Candidates running in the November 7 election participated in the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce Political Forum on Thursday, Sept. 14 at the Belle Glade Elks Lodge. Shown, front row, from left are: PBC Clerk of the Court candidate Wanda Thayer, Clerk of the Court Dorothy Wilken, Candidate for Public Defender Carey Haugworth, Candidate for House of Representatives, District 84 Myra Orlando, Candidate for Florida House, District 35 Sherree Lowe and School Board District 7 incumbent Sandra Richmond. Second row, from left are: Port of Palm Beach, Group 3 candidate John Sansbury, House of Representatives, District 84 candidate Scott Ryan Anderson, PBC Sheriff Bob Neumann, PBC Tax Collector candidate Bob Williams, PBC School Board, District 7 candidate Bryan Culpepper and US House of Representatives, District 16 candidate John McGuire. Back row, from left are: PBC Sheriff's candidate Edward Beluch and US Senate candidate Willie Logan.

Budget

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employees will receive larger increases due to money left over from positions being eliminated.

The commission will hold a final budget public hearing Sept. 26, during the commission's regular 7:30 p.m. meeting.

The new budget will likely involve a tax increase for many Pahokee residents, as well as increases in water and sewerage rates and an increase for solid waste collection that was passed on by BFI to customers. During the Aug. 14 budget hearing, Finance Director Stephen Baumgartner said the city has experienced a drop in revenue. Securior, which owns the Sago Palm Youth Academy, has reduced its usage in recent months, and that has caused a drop in city water and sewer revenues. He said there have also been changes in the amounts generated by the Pahokee Housing Authority after they improved their water lines. He did note, however, that installation of a new meter at Canal Point School is expected to generate additional revenue. Mr. Baumgartner also pointed out that the debt services for the water and sewer is \$828,000, and noted that even if revenues drop the debt service must be paid.

City manager Ken Schenck noted that the city has not raised water and sewer rates in three years. He said a 10 percent increase in water and sewer rates would amount to a \$9 per month increase on a minimum bill. Commercial customers rates would be prorated.

Commissioner Henry Crawford noted that many residents have difficulties paying their bills now. He proposed an increase in rates at the Pahokee Campground and Marina to cover the cost of the campground customers rates would be prorated.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Alice Thompson said she believed boaters and campers would not complain about an increase in rates if the docks were in good repair. Resident Larry Wright agreed.

Over the years you're always talking about where you're going to get the money from. You all know that farming has kept us alive all these years. God gave you another great asset that you don't use and it is a gold mine," he said, noting that campers have been begging for a screened-in wash room and a water heater.

Mr. Schenck said the boat docks are scheduled to be repaired and the screening is to be done this year.

During budget workshops, the city manager noted that the payment in lieu of taxes which the city has received each year from the state prison privatization commission is not included in the budget because it has been allocated by the state year by year. Mayor Singletary said that he and Mr. Schenck will lobby legislators to formally adopt an annual payment that can be included in the budget.

Code

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but that he had found someone who would be willing to pay the back taxes and assume responsibility for maintaining the yards. If the commission would rescind the code enforcement liens.

Commissioner Henry Crawford asked if that person would also be willing to pay the code enforcement liens, which remain on the title if the property is sold or transferred. He noted that the property is worth \$11,500, and noted that the taxes and liens combined are less than the property's value. Mr. Johnson said he did not know if unidentified person would be financially able to do so or not.

Commissioner Hugh Branch noted that the property had been in violation for a long time, and the owner had ignored the situation until recently.

Commissioner Pete Moore said the commission should stand behind the code enforcement board.

Mayor Roy Singletary said, in reading the minutes of the code enforcement board meeting, that when the board reduced the fine, they were almost ready to rescind the fine.

The Mayor said he could see reducing the fine to \$3,000, as they had recently reduced a similar fine, but could not see rescinding it altogether.

"You've got me wondering what we have a code enforcement board for," Commissioner Branch said, adding that by rescinding, the code enforcement laws have no teeth. "We're going back to the way it's been."

Mayor Singletary asked code enforcement board members present for their input. Board member Kay Zaccagnino said the commission should consider the property owner's financial difficulties and the fact that he was willing to turn the property over to someone who would keep it clean and keep it on the tax roll.

"What if it goes up for auction and nobody buys it?" she asked.

Commissioner Branch asked why the board didn't consider that when making their recommendation.

"He's willing to turn it over to a woman who'll keep it up. To me, that's better than trying to squeeze \$6,000 out of a turnip," Ms. Zaccagnino said.

Code enforcement board member Diane Walker said the board was under the impression that Mr. Johnson planned to sell the property, and that if he made a profit, the city should receive the \$6,500, or half of the property's estimated \$11,500 in value. The code enforcement board would recommend rescinding the fine if the property were turned over to someone without profit if they rehabbed and maintained the property.

Commissioner Branch moved that the \$6,500 fine remain as recommended by the code enforcement board. Commissioner Crawford seconded the motion for discussion, and again asked if the proposed new owner would be able to pay the liens. He said he was uncomfortable voting on the matter without receiving an answer on the issue.

The motion was called with Mayor Singletary voting no, Commissioners Branch and Moore voting yes and Commissioner Crawford

remaining silent.

"Silence means yes," the Mayor reminded him. Commissioner Keith Babbs was absent. The motion was approved 3-1.

Later in the meeting, citizens expressed differing views concerning the matter. Resident Ken Law said, with the upcoming budget cycle and the need for revenue, he would prefer the commission could outstand code enforcement fines rather than raise taxes. Resident Larry Wright said Commissioner Branch was correct, that the city does need to "redo" code enforcement.

"We know we have problems there. Other cities on the coast have done it and before I got on the code enforcement board, I researched what they had done and the board didn't want to hear it," Mr. Wright said. "When I first got interested in code enforcement, I remember seeing a very prominent person, now deceased, was \$80,000 in arrears. That person was rich and white and as far as I know that was written off. You had a case before you tonight, he's asking for your help to put it back on the tax rolls, he can't afford to keep his property, and we can't write that off? Why can we do it for one and not for another?"

Then Mr. Wright chastised Commissioner Branch for his exchange with code enforcement board member Zaccagnino. "Mr. Branch, please don't take this the wrong way. I've been called down enough for getting upset and angry up here, and you're doing the same thing. Please don't talk to us like we're your employees," he said. "Talk to us like we're your citizens."

"That's enough," said Barbara Branch. "That is enough."

"You're right," Mr. Wright responded.

Later in the meeting, Commissioner Branch apologized if he had offended anyone with his remarks.

"I don't talk down to my employees, and I'm adamant about making a difference in Pahokee and doing things a little differently than we have in the past. Code enforcement is one of those areas where we've been extremely lax," he said, adding that efforts by county code enforcement officers and agencies like the Florida Department of Transportation are making a difference in the city's appearance.

"If I say anything that anybody takes personally or finds offensive I'm sorry about that. I'm sincerely trying to do what I think is best for the city of Pahokee. I'm in Pahokee because I love Pahokee," Mr. Branch said. "As I've stated to all of you...I owe the Glades a lot because I came to this area, there's not a person in this room as poor as I was and my family was when we came to this area. Not one. Through the efforts of this community and this industry we've been able to make a good living and we've prospered. I thank the Glades for that, and if sometimes I get carried away it's because I am passionate about Pahokee."

Contract

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attorney earlier in the week. She expressed anger that no one involved in the meeting had any concerns until at the very end of the discussions.

In a parliamentary maneuver that postponed the decision until the next meeting of the city commission, Commissioner Steve Weeks voted with Mayor Harna Miller, Mary Ross Wilkerson and Steve Wilson when the motion was made to hire Mr. Smith pending revisions in the contract. He then made a motion to reconsider and enter on the minutes the motion. This effectively postponed the decision on hiring Mr. Smith until the next meeting of the commission.

Mayor Miller said since the

next scheduled meeting of the commission was Wednesday, Sept. 20 when the commission would meet to give final approval of the millage rate, the issue would again be addressed just after that meeting.

During audience comments on agenda item 1, Ella Gibbons, an attorney hired by commissioner-elect Jeff Hawkins, addressed the issue of the city hiring Mr. Smith. She called the contract very one-sided and beneficial to Mr. Smith, but not to the City of Belle Glade. "Your city attorney gave excellent advice. This is a one-sided contract. The terms of this contract are not beneficial to the citizens and the City of Belle Glade." She also reiterated that the contract was in violation of the city's charter.

Commissioner-elect Don Garrett had a letter read to the

commission by City Clerk Debra Buft which stated he also felt the contract with Mr. Smith was not in the best interest of the city. "For the sake of our community, please don't rush into this agreement," he stated.

Rev. J. R. Harris took several opportunities under various agenda items to take the audience to task.

He addressed white audience members and said they should go home and repent for their racist attitudes.

Mayor Miller also expressed the feeling that the election was very racist. "When racism reared its ugly head, I didn't understand it at first," she said. "This was the nastiest election I have ever seen in the City of Belle Glade. The outcome of what happens to this city is what bothers me."

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The City of Pahokee has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

Last year's property tax levy:

- A. Initially proposed tax levy.....\$543,550
- B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes.....\$112,209
- C. Actual property tax levy.....\$431,341

This year's proposed tax levy.....\$488,744

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on

**Tuesday, September 26, 2000, 7:30 P.M. at
City Hall Commission Chambers, 2nd Floor
171 North Lake Avenue
Pahokee, FL 33476**

A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY • CITY OF PAHOKEE FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE ARE 6.0% MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

	GENERAL FUND	WATER & SEWER FUND	SOLID WASTE FUND	MARINA CAMPGROUND FUND	CEMETERY FUND	TOTAL BUDGET
Cash Balance: Receipts Forward	300,000	1,000,000	2,525		200,000	2,372,525
Estimated Revenues:						
Taxes	466,307					466,307
Ad Valorem Taxes	106,530					106,530
Sales & Use Taxes	196,600					196,600
Franchise Fees	389,300					389,300
Utility Service Taxes	42,850					42,850
License & Permits	1,463,785					1,463,785
Intergovernmental Revenues	265,227	2,122,260	586,932	215,000	106,350	4,185,969
Fines & Penalties	18,200	94,000				112,200
Interest Earnings & Grants	57,600	5,200				62,800
Enterprise Management Fees	291,055				57,300	348,355
Misc. Rev.	41,000					41,000
Interest Waivers						
Total Estimated Revenues	3,466,554	2,263,119	589,457	215,000	163,650	6,598,246
Total Estimated Revenues & Balances	3,766,554	3,213,119	589,457	215,000	1,063,650	8,967,771
Expenditures/Expenses:						
General Government	690,214					690,214
Public Safety	1,602,315					1,602,315
Physical Development	385,003	1,691,279	579,551			2,655,833
Road & Street Expenses						
Human Services	684,335					684,335
Culture & Recreation	94,787	827,368		215,000	163,650	1,240,805
Daily Services						
Interfund Transfers						
Total Estimated Expenditures/Expenses	3,466,554	2,519,247	586,932	215,000	163,650	6,951,383
Reserves	300,000	793,863	2,525		200,000	2,016,388
Total Appropriated Expenditures & Reserves	3,766,554	3,313,110	589,457	215,000	1,063,650	8,967,771

THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGET ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.

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Four Officers Tied to Hang On

by Arlen R. Stauffer, MD

The string of vulgarities rolling out of the thrashing man was frightening. The wide-eyed fellow with the grass and leaves embedded in his stringy hair was pinned, face down, onto the ambulance stretcher by four police officers. They had managed to secure his scruffs onto his mannequin band his fingers. His fingers grabbed at anything within reach, and his strong legs kicked at anything and everything. His own saliva was strung across his cheeks and nose.

The level of tension in the room was high as emergency physician Danny Cortez approached the foot of the stretcher. "We found him wandering around behind some houses on Main Street, Doc," the paramedic said, several beads of sweat dripping down his face. "He seemed to be hallucinating. He really couldn't hear here," he added, pointing at one of the officer's red, swollen cheeks.

"Do we have any information on who the Cortez asked?"

Several people in the room shook their heads. "And he had no ID on him, of course," one police officer added.

"Phil," Cortez said to the emergency nurse beside her, "Let's get a finger-stick sugar on this guy first. Maybe he's just hypoglycemic."

He then turned the man around to get his head turned around far enough to look Cortez in the eyes. He was clearly scared.

"Get back! Get back! Watch out!" He seemed to be trying to warn Cortez about something. "They're over there! Over there!"

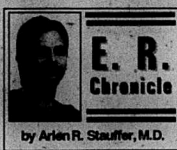
He focused his eyes on the corner of the room, and everyone instinctively glanced that direction. There was no one there.

"His sugar's 110," Phil reported.

The man screamed out, and bounced his entire body up and down on the stretcher. The four officers tried to hang on.

"Watch out! Watch out! They're right over there!"

"OK," Cortez, now fearful for the safety of everyone involved, decided to sedate this man before trying to move him from the



by Arlen R. Stauffer, M.D.

ambulance stretcher.

"Phil, let's start with five milligrams of Haldol."

Phil nodded, then reached over to the counter, beside him. He had anticipated this order, and was drawing the anti-psychotic sedative into a syringe.

Holding the syringe and needle carefully in front of him, Phil looked at each of the four officers.

"OK, guys. Hold him tight. I don't want to have him move too much. I don't want to stick any of us with this needle."

The officers leaned in, forcing more of their weight onto the psychotic man. He spit and cursed loudly as the Haldol was plunged into the muscles of his buttocks.

He began bounding his body on the stretcher again.

Five minutes passed. His eyes were just as wild as before. His fingernails managed to claw across the forearm of one of his restrainers.

"Another five milligrams, Phil."

He gave the officers that same look, they tightened their grips again, and the spitting and cursing was repeated as the second dose of Haldol entered the man's circulation.

Another five minutes passed. The man spit onto the stretcher holding his hand and shoulders was careful to avoid the man's mouth.

As another officer tried to readjust his grip on one leg, that foot kicked and caught him in his chest. He grunted, then pinned the leg back to the stretcher.

"Another five milligrams, Phil."

The process was repeated a third time.

This time, the drug seemed to have an effect. The thrashing slowed. The cursing grew more incoherent.

"OK. Let's get him over onto our stretcher," Cortez said. "Are

the leathers ready?"

Phil was adjusting the leather restraint belts alongside the ER stretcher.

"OK. Ready."

The man moaned as he was pulled over onto the ER bed. He tried to kick one officer again, but the effort was only half-hearted, and his foot was easily pinned to the bed. The leather straps were buckled onto all four extremities after the handcuffs were carefully removed, and then were tightened to the metal frame of the bed.

"Watch out. Watch out." He tried to yell, but the volume was low now. "Over there! I said..."

His voice trailed off.

The three doses of Haldol were doing the job.

here were several signs in the room as the tension level decreased. One of the police officers released their grips on the man. His eyes were now closed, and his breathing seemed easy.

Cortez placed her stethoscope on the man's chest, then checked all around his head for any signs of injury. Phil drew several tubes of blood from the left arm for testing in the lab, then placed a catheter in the man's bladder to obtain a specimen for drug testing.

The atmosphere was now almost peaceful. The ER team relaxed. They would run the lab tests, check the drug screen, and make sure the psychotic man was stable medically. Then, he would be transferred to the locked, secure area of the psychiatric hospital.

Cortez walked back to her desk. She frowned as she looked over at the line-up of patient charts awaiting her service.

The ER team may never see this sedated man again after today. But then, if he stops his medications again in the future, this entire scenario may be repeated.

At least no one was seriously injured this time.

Cortez, with the next chart in hand, hurried toward Bed 14.

Dr. Stauffer, an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach, is a member of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians.

www.fcepp.org

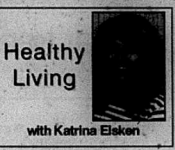
Remember: All things in moderation

First, I have some good news for many of my readers. I have found a study that classifies beer as a health food. According to an article in the Aug. 28 issue of Time Magazine, researchers have found that the hops in beer contain flavonoids, which are powerful antioxidants. Flavonoids, which are also found in red wine, help the body rid itself of waste products known as free radicals. An excess of free radicals has been linked to some cancers.

So in red wine, help the body rid itself of waste products known as free radicals. An excess of free radicals has been linked to some cancers. But remember folks, all things in moderation. Just because beer has some good things in it does not negate the parts of the beverage that are bad for you. Sadly, beer is still fattening and obesity leads to a number of health risks. Also the alcohol in beer can also be dangerous to your health.

So check with your doctor before toasting the researchers who did this study.

Also in the news this week, many publicists in the New England Journal of Medicine found that children who attend day care before the age of six months are less likely to



with Katrina Elskan

develop asthma later in life.

The study, conducted by researchers at the University of Arizona, included more than 1,000 children. The researchers found that kids who attended daycare got lots of runny noses and their share of flu bugs. But after the daycare attendees turned six, their risk of asthma was less than half that of the kids who had not attended daycare at a young age.

This study reminds me of another study I read about years ago involving similar findings in regard to childhood leukemia.

The researchers found that children who attended daycare were less likely to develop leukemia.

The hypothesis for these

findings is that exposing kids to some germs is good for them because it helps them build up resistance. Fighting off coughs and colds helps the kids develop a healthy immune system. A child raised in a sterile environment is more likely to become seriously ill because the child's body never had a chance to build up immunity.

Think about the Native Americans. Diseases that Europeans didn't consider dangerous wiped out whole tribes because the Native Americans had no resistance to these viruses and bacteria.

No parent would deliberately let their children be exposed to someone who is sick. No one is suggesting that they should. But if your kid comes home from daycare with a runny nose, it might not be such a bad thing after all.

Of course, if the child is running a fever or if symptoms persist for several days, parents should consult the child's doctor.

But at least working moms have one less thing to feel so guilty about.

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the third month of the new fiscal year to maintain the balanced budget as new funding sources come on line.

Mr. Jackson noted that fines and forfeitures from the public safety department have doubled in the past year and are projected to be \$45,000 in the upcoming fiscal year. In capital expenditures, only the public safety department is budgeted for new vehicles, including two new police cars and one motorcycle.

In response to a question from Commissioner Esther Berry, Chief Danny Jones noted that 32,000 people travel through South Bay daily, and using a motorcycle will improve the department's ability to enforce traffic regulations. The chief noted that the lease/purchase agreement with Harley Davidson for the motorcycle is only \$100 per month, versus the average \$450 a month for a new patrol car. In response to a question from Mayor Clarence Anthony, the chief said he has an officer on board who is certified as a motorcycle officer.

The chief said maintenance becomes more expensive after the vehicles get older. The chief said the department has some 1993 vehicles in the nine car fleet which need to be replaced.

Mayor Anthony noted that before Chief Jones took office, the city was paying \$55,000 a

year in vehicle maintenance and repairs. The following year, it was reduced to \$23,000 and the year after that only \$8,000.

The chief agreed, noting that in '98, repairs and maintenance were \$13,000, in '99, \$15,000 and are projected at \$17,000 next year.

The older they get the more maintenance is required. You're paying the money one way or another. The lease/purchase may be \$8,000 a year, but the first 36 months, while the car's under warranty, you're only paying for oil, gas and tires," the chief said.

Other capital expenditures include payments for the city's streetsweeper and backhoe, \$1,200 for a scanner for the clerk's office, and \$6,300 for personnel/payroll software and \$3,000 for software for community development to allow tracking of building inspections and code enforcement citations.

Mr. Jackson explained the city is in the process of converting the whole system to a Windows based program, beginning with personnel/payroll, then moving to general ledger with the utility billing.

department last.

Mayor Anthony said he did not want to be beholden to a particular consultant because of what programs he recommended.

Mr. Jackson said the company that provided the software the city now uses no longer provides support, and the consultants they are employing is planning to retire. He recommended moving to the more universal Windows format to make it easier to find technical support.

Mr. Jackson said the consultant did not name a particular vendor or software.

In other matters, Mr. Jackson said the city will continue to look for grant funding to finance necessary resurfacing and repair of city streets. The city has budgeted \$20,000 to patch the worst bad spots, but Mr. Jackson said this was "no where near the amount needed."

The budget also includes \$5,000 set aside for civic contributions to community organizations. These are to be requested in writing and will be formally presented during council meetings.

Forum

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enate seat, said he refuses to accept money from special interests and will make education, aging with dignity and campaign finance reform his priorities.

House of Representatives District 18 independent candidate John McGuire, says he supports reform of campaign finance laws, education, healthcare and taxes. He also said he is a strong pro-life candidate and also would take no P.A.C. money. His opponent, Jean Elliott Brown, supports affordable prescription drugs, protection of Social Security and Medicare and gun safety legislation. Congressman Mark Foley was in session and unable to attend the forum.

State Rep. L. Lawrence, candidate for House seat District 35, said she also was taking no political action committee money and was running at the urging of others who felt it was time for a change.

In the District 84 race, Scott Anderson, who has no party affiliation, supports prayer in schools, is pro-life, and want a daycare plan to help working parents and single working mothers in need. His Republican opponent, Myra Orlando, said she has been very involved in her community in the Acreage for several years and believes her civic involvement and integrity

will be beneficial for the residents of Palm Beach County.

Public Defender candidate Carey Haughwout cites her experience as a private criminal defense lawyer and as an assistant public defender in Tallahassee and Palm Beach County. Incumbent Richard Jorandby has 28 years experience as Public Defender.

Clerk of the Circuit Court Dorothy Wilken has served in this capacity for eight years. In her remarks she noted she had earned the taxpayers of Palm Beach County \$338 million in investment revenue and saved the taxpayers \$17 million by smart budget management. Her opponent, Wanda Thayer, says that, according to newspaper reports, incumbent Wilken is mispending taxpayers dollars and is in need for a change.

Bob Williams, candidate for PBC Tax Collector and former commissioner at the Port of Palm Beach, says as a Certified Public Accountant, he has managed nearly a billion dollars in the public and private sector and has the experience to be the county's tax collector.

In the school board race for District 7, Incumbent Sandra Richmond has 12 years of experience on the school board (three times as chairwoman) and 25 years as an educator. Opponent Brian Culpepper said school safety is a priority and that

school officials should not be in the business of security. He believes that should be handled by the PBC Sheriff's Office.

Port of Palm Beach, Group 3 candidate John Sansbury says his years of public service experience make him a candidate to choose for the port position.

Current PBC Sheriff Robert Neumann cites the 13 percent drop in the crime rate and the success of the Sheriff's Drug Farm and Eagle Academy as some of his accomplishments. His opponent, Edward W. Bleich said, if elected, he would provide an arbitral for lake surveillance and crime fighting, would re-establish the PAL program in the Glades and appoint an agricultural investigator for District 5 to meet the needs of the farming industry.

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A summer gift that keeps on giving

By David Rutz

This summer I could have sat around the house watching mindless hours of TV or by the beach somewhere, but instead I used my summer as a way to give back to the community and learn new and promising experiences.

During the summer, I worked at a summer program with children and teenagers as a counselor. I did this from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. I also helped out at the local laundry house from 7:30 p.m. until 7:55. Another thing I did was wake up every Monday morning at about 4:30 a.m. to catch a 5:30 a.m. ride to Belle Glade, so that from 6 a.m. - 7 a.m., I could volunteer my time to feed the unfortunate at the local Lighthouse café. I refer to them as needy because they need

Guest Opinion

"If we don't clean it, who will? If we don't care, who will? If we don't take action, who will?"

— David Rutz

what everyone else needs, and I am not talking about food, but that is still essential. I am talking about love and compassion. In addition, I worked every Saturday morning with Hugh Branch cleaning up the streets of Pahokee. For those of you who do not know Mr. Branch, he is one of Pahokee's commissioners and he also owns his own business.

Hugh Branch Incorporated distributes Glades grown sweet

corn throughout the county. His lovely wife is Barbara Branch who also loves to volunteer her time. Mr. Branch and myself have become good friends because we are both men of few words, we are about action—because action speaks for itself.

The mayor and other commissioners have said time and again that they want to have a cleaner city and make it more attractive to business and tourism, but I don't see them helping Mr.

Branch and me in our effort to clean it up.

Too many people in our world and life say what needs to be done, but few take the time to really do the work. If I had my way, I would make Hugh Branch mayor of Pahokee. Remember citizens, and city officials, that we are the ones responsible for taking care of our city. If we don't clean it, who will? If we don't care, who will? If we don't take action, who will? These are just some of the things I have learned this summer from Mr. Branch and my experiences. I consider myself to be his protégé. I salute Mr. Branch for his hard work and commitment to helping Pahokee.

Sincerely,
David Rutz



"WHEN I SAID, YOU NEED TO DROP FORTY POUNDS, I MEANT LOSE IT."

Letters to the Editor

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was sent to Dave Wood, acting city manager for the City of Belle Glade. Mr. Wood asked that we also run this letter to let residents know of the NAACP's concerns.

Dear Mr. Woods:

The Belle Glade Branch 5886 of the NAACP request a special canvassing of the absentee ballots and ballots cast at the polls in the City of Belle Glade Commission election held Sept. 12 at the Belle Glade Fire Station to verify the voters' addresses. We have reason to believe that a significant number of the persons voting are not residents of the City of Belle Glade.

We also believe that there were illegal voters casting votes at the polls and at least 200 plus voting cards will be found with no legal name to match cards.

The NAACP physically counted the voters who put cards in the ballot box and have documentation for our count. Our count should have only a margin of error of about 25 to 50 votes.

These concerns are based on

the Florida Statutes of Election #104, 106, and 108.

Respectfully,
Marvin L. Glover
President

(Copies of this letter were sent to: Theresa LeFlore, Supervisor of Elections, West Palm Beach; NAACP, Baltimore, Md.; Florida State NAACP, Opalocka, FL; Janet Reno, United States Attorney General, Washington, D.C.; Alice Hasting, Congressman, Washington, D.C.; Jeb Bush, Governor, Tallahassee; Bob Butterworth, Attorney General, Tallahassee; Katherine Harris, Secretary of State, Tallahassee; FDLE State of Florida, Washington; Bob Neuman, Sheriff, West Palm Beach; SCLC, Atlanta; National Urban League, New York City.

Dear Editor:

This is a letter that I never thought I would be writing. I was unaware of any reporter from your paper at our city council meeting this past week, so I am not sure you can report on the incident. I am about to tell you of (Ed. note: We had another meeting on the

same night and were unable to attend the commission meeting. We did review the tapes. See story, Page 1).

Since our elections in May, many of us have been joking about renaming our city "Pitiful"... and have even thought of changing our charter to make Pahokee a monarchy. We have been joking about this for several reasons, but after this week's meeting, I think we should seriously consider it.

We have many problems and many assets in our once vibrant community and so many of us have tried in big and small ways to "re-life" this town. All we seem capable of doing is acting like a bunch of adult babies. Children on school playgrounds have more common sense and concern for each other than we "adults" seem to have here in Pahokee. It is so sad to watch the people who declare how "I love Pahokee" continue to berate, bully, exclude, and persecute the people who don't "fall in line" with their ideas of what Pahokee should be.

For these people, Pahokee is a labor camp that satisfies their need for cheap labor. That is all

it means to them anymore. They may put up things that look pretty and demand that we make our homes and properties meet their standards of what pretty is, but they spend very little time making Pahokee beautiful. The beauty that was once here is gone. We have lost hearts and memories of its people, not in the facades that they would have us create.

I would like to ask the mayor and other commissioners why they allowed Robert's Rules of Order to be seriously breached last week when the wife of a commissioner was allowed to disrupt the meeting with not only her verbal outburst, but with her actions. This woman, after I directed a comment toward her husband (who works for the citizens of Pahokee) yelled out, "That is not my husband." In an angry tone, she then left her seat to verbally assault and threaten me as the meeting was trying to proceed.

Had I been the one who did this, I am sure it at the very least I would have been told to shut up and sit down and quite possibly been escorted out of the room. Imagine my surprise when this same woman

returned to the hallway after the meeting to again verbally attack and threaten me.

All of this because I politely stated to her husband that we were citizens, not his employees. What have we come to in Pahokee? Why must we constantly destroy our neighbors for exercising their God-given rights? Where will per se egotism and pomposity get our community? If our elected officials can not control their meetings, then how can we expect them to take charge of a faltering city?

Larry Wright
Pahokee

Dear Editor:

On Sept. 12, I came home from a long day at work. My son greeted me at the door as usual, and asked me how my day was. "Fine," I replied. "How was your day?"

"Not so good," he answered. "Why?" I asked. "What happened?"

He then informed me that

while he was standing in line in the school cafeteria, he was told that if he did not have any money to pay for his meal, he would not be allowed to eat. He didn't have any money and was turned away. What I as a parent would like to know is why he was not notified of this before it happened. Why was he not allowed to eat and then informed that he would have to pay the next time? Is this how our kids are going to be treated?

You say that you care about the health and well-being of our children, yet you would allow them to go hungry. Why would we have gladly paid for his meal for that day and on. Is money more important than our children? I certainly hope not!

Robin R. Wilkerson
Concerned parent of a student at Glades Central Community High School

Speak Out

Speak out in our free 24-hour opinion line. Call 996-6636 to express your opinion or ask a question about public issues. You are not required to give your name. While we want you to speak freely, the newspaper reserves the right to edit calls for clarity, brevity, relevance and fairness.

Speeding

"I'm calling in reference to the police in Belle Glade. When you speed, they give you a ticket, but when they speed, there is nothing done about it."

The chief had to crack down on them two times after they almost hit my vehicle. They were acting disobediently.

They turn their lights on, speed down the road, do not stop anywhere. The police park

their cars and wait there on the side of the road. One police cruiser almost hit me head on. That cruiser went down the road by the red light and stopped there. I do not consider it an emergency.

Somebody needs to start calling the officers' attention. I will appreciate it if the Mayor and the chief of police could investigate this situation further.

School kids

misbehaving in class

"I feel the school system should put more in each class so when a student says or does something he or she is not supposed to, it will be caught in time. Once identified on tape, the guilty party can be dealt with. This would benefit the students who did nothing wrong as well as those who are suspended. It would also make the class safer."

More on city ordinances

While you're reviewing videotape the City of Belle Glade, I am sure you have reviewed the use of lot on the corner of NW 14th St. and Canal St. This is a residential area. I'm sure the owner pays no city, occupational license fee, etc. The establishment is an eyesore and it aesthetically lowers the appearance of our homes. Something has to be done about this. I don't know what, but I know this is not a commercial area."

Put personal feelings aside

"I am calling to point out the contempt that our Mayor has for our chief of police. If she has personal feelings against Chief Miller, she should put them aside while conducting city business. Several times she suggested that individuals seek legal solutions toward the city and Mr. Miller. Personally, I would like to say that under the circumstances of the out and out lack of support Chief Miller has received from some of our elected officials, he is doing an excellent job. I would also like to suggest to Chief Miller that our Mayor let go of 'defamation of character' charges. This is because I think that they are abusing Chief Miller and it should stop."

Not a racial election

I read the Sept. 14th edition of The Sun and was reading about the election in Belle Glade. I noticed that Ms. Harma Miller made the statement that the race had turned racial. Let's look at some issues Mrs. Miller. One, I remember reading in the Sun several elections where you were asked to make comments and your comment was that you didn't have to respond. I think that hurt you. In fact, that did hurt you. You made the statement that this was a racial election. I tend to

disagree with you Mrs. Miller. EDITOR'S NOTE: I'm sorry to say we somehow lost the rest of this caller's comments.

Shell rock

"I'm calling from Pahokee, and I'd like to direct this question to the city manager, the city public works director, City Commissioner Henry Crawford and Mayor Roy Singletary. I witnessed something Saturday evening on the beach. I saw the lake and depositing two loads of it on the commissioner's property to build his new house at the beach. The property to fill holes in his driveway. We'd like to know if that was paid for and if not, I would consider that grand theft."

Road blocked

"Yes, Pahokee is looking better and better now, but the city needs to stop people from holding up the 4th Street. The other day I was trying to get by to take a friend to the hospital and both sides of the road were blocked. It's gotten bad enough that we don't have hospital to go to anymore. People could sue on their way to Belle Glade. I would like to know who is controlling the streets: there is no way to maneuver through them."

Survey would

have been nice

"Covering the local offices for Fremd Village and Padgett Island causes a hardship for many of our residents who do have to transport to Belle Village. The painting was excellent. They need to consider maybe putting linoleum or other central air in the units. These units were built in 1971, almost thirty years next year. When it is going to be a time when they completely remodel the inside instead of the outside, or knock down the building and rebuild the village? It's

not fair to our residents having to pay and buy screen doors when projects such as Stuckey and McClew village all have screen doors. What they do for one project needs to be done for the other."

I have more time. Why are we responsible to cut our own lawn? If the lawn cutter can come and cut the grass he is assigned to cut, why if he's so close to the resident lawn, can't he cut the entire grass of the village? It would be nice and better looking if the person who cuts the grass from the housing authority cuts all the grass. I'm sick and tired of going into my back yard and seeing uneven grass when there are certain tenants who cut their grass at certain times and others' grass is grown and the backyard looks uneven. The housing authority should consider all the residents all the lawn: most projects in Belle Glade and even some places in Dade County are not responsible to cut their own grass. Are the housing authority too cheap to have someone cut all the grass for the tenants? This is very time-consuming and very costly and it's hard for the elderly residents to pay someone to cut their yard."

Political debate

"I just finished reading the Speak Out article about the political debate issue and I'm just wondering if this person writing this article really thought that Mrs. Wilkerson and Mrs. Miller's children need Club Bonnaventure to make money. That's definitely not true. They do have jobs where they earn salaries. This person needs to learn the truth. They supposedly print the truth. And I'd like to see the law printed concerning what happened at Bonnaventure, please."

Election protest

"Yes, I just read in this paper how Harma Miller and Mayor Wilkerson are filing a protest on the election and had contacted her attorney. She had made a statement that the election was based on racism. I have one question, how can she cry racism when they're were so many African American people holding signs to support Jeff Hawkins and Don Garrett? She also made a statement that she doesn't feel bad because she lost. Then why is she crying

the blues? A sore loser perhaps? Think Don Garrett should hire an attorney to investigate Mayor Miller and Wilkerson. Could they be the reason Myrna McPhee put her name in the pot? Maybe for little compensation, although you wouldn't know she was running if you didn't read the paper. Her statement sounded like she was a puppet. Congratulations Don and Jeff. Belle Glade is a nice place to live and we hope to see Belle Glade grow and become an even better place to live. This is where I plan to kick up daisies."

Name the monster

"Hi I was just calling to ask what ever happened with naming the sea monster out of Lake Okechobee? Just wondering. Thanks."

Editor's note: We spoke with Alice Thompson, chamber executive director, who said the contest is alive and well. The Grassy Waters Festival Committee is handling the contest and they have some great prizes lined up for the winner, which will be announced at the Grassy Waters Festival on Nov. 11. To submit an entry call the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce at 924-5579.

Code enforcement

"I am calling in reference to the code enforcement, to the lady who is running the code enforcement. As citizens of Pahokee, we would like to know how you become a code enforcement employee? Is this an elected or just a position that was applied-for? I understand that we as taxpayers pay this person. We are paying for this position and we are getting harassed. We want to know what do we have to do to in order to stop code enforcement from harassing the public in Pahokee? We are tired of this and we would like to know where do we go and who do we talk to about the code enforcement, harassing us? We would like to talk to the Mayor. We're tired about the code enforcement harassing us about our own property and what we have on our own property. I could understand if it's on their property, city property, but it's not, it's on our own property and we're tired of being harassed."

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Why Gordon hit us so hard on Sunday

If you are more than a bit confused about what part of Florida was hit by Hurricane Gordon, you are not alone.

Take Sunday afternoon, for example. Gordon, packing winds of 75 mph, was less than 80 miles from Tampa. The city was under hurricane warnings and residents were bracing for the worst.

What was the weather like in Tampa? Mostly sunny skies with a gentle breeze!

At the same time, the Gold Coast and Treasure Coast were being hammered with 50 mph wind gusts, torrential rains and even a small tornado.

Why did the east coast of Florida get slammed while Tampa escaped with only 2 inches of rain and a few gusts of wind?

Gordon was a classic example of a weak, poorly organized asymmetric hurricane. The majority of Gordon's high winds and heavy rains were on its east side, well away from the center of the storm.

Tampa was in a relatively dry area while regions just to the south, like Ft. Myers and Naples, and regions to the east, like Ft. Lauderdale, West Palm and Ft. Pierce, were in the south.

To be sure, the folks who call Cedar Key home didn't have any fun on Sunday either. The center of Gordon made landfall in Cedar Key around 9 o'clock Sunday night. Kicking up winds as high as 64 mph and producing a four-foot storm surge.

Still, those high winds were concentrated in a very small area close to the center. Most of the action was on Gordon's right flank, spreading high winds and heavy rains as far as 64 miles from the center of the storm.

It was a reminder that hurricanes are large weather systems that affect vast regions of the globe.

The biggest impact in Tampa may be the impression Gordon left on its residents, who may mistakenly believe they have now experienced a



Mike Lyons

hurricane. Gordon did come close to the Tampa area, but the city never felt hurricane force winds.

Local officials are now concerned that the next time their city is threatened by a hurricane, residents may not prepare or evacuate because of their experience with Gordon.

The "I've-been-through-a-hurricane-and-it's-no-big-deal" mentality is something local officials throughout hurricane country are constantly battling. Because they are so rare, most of us have never experienced a major hurricane.

We've seen the pictures and heard the stories of Hurricane Andrew and some of the other major storms that have made landfall in recent years, but unless you have been at ground zero, right in the path of the storm, you haven't experienced the power of the greatest storm on earth.

The scariest place on earth is directly in the path of an onrushing category 5 hurricane," writes David Fisher in his 1994 book, "The Scariest Place on Earth" (Random House). Fisher knows what he is talking about having survived Hurricane Andrew.

Gordon, of course, was no Andrew, but it was a reminder that one can never take anything for granted when it comes to hurricanes.

Mike Lyons is the chief weather specialist for WPBF-TV.

Crime Stoppers

Jessie Lee Simmons

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Jessie Lee Simmons who is wanted for failure to appear, burglary of a dwelling, and grand theft from a dwelling.

Simmons is a black male, 5'10" tall, and weighs 174 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes. His date of birth is May 17, 1974.

His last known address was at large Belle Glade. His occupation is construction. Butler's warrant was active as of September 12, 2000.

If you know the whereabouts of Jessie Lee Simmons, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000 if your tip leads to an arrest.



The EDGE Center moves into new offices

The Enterprise Development for Glades Entrepreneurs (EDGE) Center, Inc., recently moved its offices from the county office building (the county barn) to 241 W. Avenue A (formerly Averill's) in Belle Glade.

The EDGE Center is a non-profit economic development organization assisting area entrepreneurs in starting and growing small businesses. The EDGE Center Executive Director Carl Seibert stated, "Our new facility not only provides ample space for The EDGE Center offices, it also provides us with office suites that can be made available to

entrepreneurs who need space for starting their businesses. Our executive suites allow us to become a full service business incubator. These spaces will rent for a nominal fee and will include use of shared office equipment, conference room, access, telephone answering and reception services."

Since its inception in 1997, The EDGE center has helped to create over 25 new businesses and nearly 40 new jobs for Glades area residents.

For more information please call The EDGE Center at 993-EDGE (3343).



Arrest Blotter

Belle Glade

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 562 calls, issued 21 traffic citations and made 21 arrests the week of Sept. 11-17. Those arrested included:

Sept. 11 - Nathaniel Howard, 42, possession of drug paraphernalia; Kathy Head, 33, possession of drug paraphernalia; possession of cocaine; Juvenile, 16, failure to appear on charges of battery.

Sept. 12 - Willie Barnes, 22, domestic battery; McKelvin Kane, 32, sexual battery on a person under 12 years old; Ernest L. Brown Jr., 20, domestic battery.

Sept. 13 - Juvenile, 17, criminal mischief; Horace Williams, 22, interference with custody of child, domestic battery.

Sept. 14 - Juvenile, 15, resisting arrest without violence; Juvenile, 16, petty theft; Howard Jones, 48, aggravated assault with weapon, domestic battery; Barton Perryman, 36, aggravated assault with a motor vehicle; (Eljah P. Pompey) 23, battery.

Sept. 15 - Tyrone Walker, 43, resisting an officer without violence; Lakoya Cauty, 21, aggravated battery, criminal mischief; Angela Hamilton, 20, domestic stalking, domestic battery; Juvenile, 17, domestic battery; Rhonda Cox, stalking.

Sept. 16 - Yolanda Hasan, 55, battery, three counts of assault; Benjamin Mendosa, 42, warrant for trespassing.

Sept. 17 - Lenzie Brown, 29, domestic battery. **Pahokee** The Pahokee Police Department handled 154 calls, issued 7 traffic citations and made 1 arrest the week of Sept. 11-17. Those arrested included:

Sept. 11 - No arrests
Sept. 12 - No arrests
Sept. 13 - No arrests
Sept. 14 - Stanley Dorsey, 31, resisting arrest without violence
Sept. 15 - No arrests
Sept. 16 - No arrests
Sept. 17 - No arrests

City of South Bay

The South Bay Police Department made 10 arrests Sept. 10-16. Those arrested included:

Sept. 10 - Ewart Forbes, 18, lewd battery
Sept. 11 - Gloria J. Hall, 50, failure to appear on traffic citations

Sept. 12 - Reinford G. Glegg, 45, domestic battery; Joe Edwards, 44, domestic battery; Clemmon B. Everett, 25, obstruction of justice

Sept. 13 - Juvenile, domestic battery

Sept. 14 - No arrests

Sept. 15 - Hardley Gilmore, 23, possession of marijuana
Sept. 16 - Jessica M. Espallat, 22, possession of marijuana; Lorenza Lucas, 39, disorderly intoxication; Arthur L. Murphy, 29, driving under the influence

Sheriff's arrests

Sept. 14 - Carlos Rios, 49, Clewiston, warrant for violation of probation; Edward L. Cottman, 26, Pahokee, possession of crack cocaine; Lawrence Butler, 24, Pahokee, warrant for aggravated assault with deadly weapon, failure to appear on battery charges; Juvenile, 16, Belle Glade, battery; Wylie Horne, 41, Millington, Tenn., DUI; Andre D. Mack, 27, Pahokee, DUI; Lurline A. Clark, 44, Belle Glade, warrant

Sept. 15 - No arrests
Sept. 16 - Timothy Alexander Simmons, 23, Belle Glade, warrant; Ronald R. Jemmett, 42, Pahokee, domestic

Sept. 17 - Dennis L. Devore, 25, Belle Glade, warrant; Charles A. Daniels, 24, Belle Glade, warrant for failure to comply court costs; Rodney J. King, 20, Belle Glade, warrant for failure to comply court costs; Tekeyo Lameake Lumpkin, 43, Lake Harbor, domestic battery; Roberto Rodriguez, 41, Miami Lakes, stolen auto, possession of cocaine; Yry J. Solozano, 20, Hialeah, stolen auto, possession of cocaine

Sept. 18 - Juan M. Pacheco, 24, Pahokee, battery

Hope House rewarded for service to the community

Hope House has been granted nearly \$894,000 in funding from the City of West Palm Beach's Housing Opportunity for People with AIDS (HOPWA), a 49 percent increase over last year's grant. Dedicated to providing assistance to people affected by or infected with HIV/AIDS, Hope House was also recognized in August with a "Best Practices" award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD's "Best Practices" recognition is given to agencies that show leadership and innovation in efforts to build affordable housing, expand home ownership and help homeless families become self-sufficient.

The additional funds will support Hope House's collaboration with three local grassroots community organizations including Sistah to Sistah, an organization helping women in

recovery. Operation Hope, a group providing housing for families; and Revitalax, an organization serving those suffering from mental illness and substance abuse. Hope House will serve as the lead agency of the collaborative effort.

David Walker, executive director of Hope House adds, "This recognition from the City of West Palm Beach is gratifying in that we see our hard work rewarded; but more important-

ly, this money will directly benefit people who need our services."

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The Palm Beach County's Literacy Coalition and the C.L. Brumback Health Center established a "Reach Out and Read" program in Belle Glade.

On Aug. 9, a group of forty youngsters, of all ages, received prizes and age-appropriate books while participating in a fun-filled event that kicked off the Reach Out and Read program at the Center. "The Hungry Caterpillar" was voted the best story and the most fun for all involved, including the caterpillar. There are terrific ways to interact with children while "reading" a story including active participation by the lis-

teners.

The Reach Out and Read program is designed to emphasize the critical need for parents and caregivers to read daily to their children. At the clinic, Dr. Menendez, pediatrician at the C.L. Brumback Health Center will be "prescribing" daily reading to the parents of their patients.

The importance of literacy in our community is as important as health care because without the ability to read education fails. If you would like to volunteer to read to children, please contact Marylou at 996-1628.



Volunteers kicked off the "Reach Out and Read" program by reading "The Hungry Caterpillar."

PBCC lands GEAR UP grant for Pahokee school

Palm Beach Community College has been awarded an \$876,000 federal grant to help put the seventh graders at Pahokee Middle Senior School on the path to college.

Through GEAR UP-Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs-PBCC and its four community partners will provide the 219 students with mentoring and support until they graduate from high school. The partners are: Palm Beach County School District, Florida Atlantic University, Housing Partnership, Inc. and 100 Black Men of Palm

Beach County. PBCC was awarded \$175,200 this week from the U.S. Department of Education. The first of five annual installments it will receive to run the program.

"The whole purpose of the program is to get the kids to stay in school, work hard, take the right courses and pursue a college education," said Kimberly Mann, PBCC's coordinator of disability services, who wrote the grant.

GEAR UP provides disadvantaged students a variety of ser-

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BUDGET SUMMARY • CITY OF SOUTH BAY FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH BAY IS
4% MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S OPERATING BUDGET

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	ENTERPRISE FUND	TOTAL BUDGET
CASH BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD					
ESTIMATED REVENUES:					
Taxes:					
Ad Valorem Taxes	Millage Per \$1,000				
Sales & Use Taxes	9.3263				393,530
Other Taxes					111,350
Licenses & Permits		380,500			384,040
State & Local Grants			676,970		88,375
Charges for Services				1,439,100	1,615,141
Fines & Forfeitures					1,945,865
Interest/Other				86,152	100,000
Interfund Revenues				125,665	507,497
					365,824
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	2,703,035	380,500	676,970	1,650,917	5,411,422
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES & BALANCES	2,703,035	380,500	676,970	1,650,917	5,411,422
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES:					
General Government	920,099	380,500		1,339,067	2,639,666
Public Safety	1,072,238				1,072,238
Physical Environment	371,135		676,970		1,048,105
Roads & Streets	339,563				339,563
Debt Services				311,850	311,850
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	2,703,035	380,500	676,970	1,650,917	5,411,422
Reserves					
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENSES AND RESERVES	2,703,035	380,500	676,970	1,650,917	5,411,422

THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD

Southern scholarship foundation awards housing scholarships

The Southern Scholarship Foundation has awarded rent-free housing scholarships to 12 Palm Beach County students: Ashley Hodson, Athena Childs, Megan Green, Carla Pierre, Claudia Flores, and Veronika Winski who attend Florida State University; Ngoc Duong, Nadège Charles, Carolina Rajler, and Ayessa Pusillero who attend the University of Florida; Kevin Cooper who attends Belknap Cookman College and Telica

Abrams who attends Florida A&M University.

The Southern Scholarship Foundation (SSF) awards housing scholarships to high school seniors, community college transfer students and college students who demonstrate academic merit, high personal motivation and character and financial need. SSF owns and

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The City of South Bay has tentatively adopted a budget for fiscal year 2001. A public hearing to make a FINAL DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on:

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Robinettes attend National Masonic Conference



Local members of Robinettes Sunbeam Circle #7, attended the National Supreme Masonic Congress in Little Rock last month. Pictured are, front row, left to right, Sis. Annette Parchment (Mother Advisor), Twilla Tillman, Rakeisha Moore, D'Angelo Bolden (III Patron), Brianca Spence, Gertrude Thomas; second row, Zacara Thomas (Companion Advisor), Javonte Motley, Bro. Roosevelt Jorjes, Sharonda Vereen, Felicia Smith, Dominique Bolden, Sharell Farrington, Sis. Myree J. Washington (Associate Mother Advisor), Sis. Vivian Hunter (Grand Mother Advisor), and Chayenne Parkman.

While at the convention, members attended religious meetings and ceremonies, as well as participated in a variety of social activities and talent expositions. Those in attendance had a wonderful time fellowshiping with other youth from across the United States, and are looking forward to attending the 2002 convention in Chicago.

The following members were elected as Supreme officers at the Congress: Rakeisha Moore, Companion Inner Post; Twilla Tillman, Companion Truth; Sharonda Vereen, Companion Charity; Sharell Farrington, Companion Justice; Dominique Bolden, Companion Love; Javonte Motley, Companion Assistant Secretary.

Engagement

Dilworth-Mills

Ms. Eddie Mae Dilworth of Riviera Beach, the daughter of Mrs. Aracree Stewart, and Mr. Milton Mills, Sr. of Clewiston, the son of Mrs. Bertha Gibbons, announce their engagement and upcoming wedding.

The couple will exchange vows Saturday, Sept. 23 at 3 p.m. at the First Bort Church of the Living God, Inc., 525 S.W. 6th Street, Belle Glade.

Eddie Mae Dilworth and Milton Mills, Sr.

Obituary

John Frederick "Fred" Kinsaul

John Frederick "Fred" Kinsaul died Sept. 14. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 57 years Louvern (Sallie).

Mr. Kinsaul was born in Weksburg, Ala., moved to Canal Point at 17 and worked for U.S. Sugar Corporation for 51 years.

He is survived by his children, Baby Kinsaul, Eldridge Kinsaul and Deborah Fritz; grandchildren, Billie Garcia, David Kinsaul, Julie Kinsaul and Joshua Fritz and great grandchildren Alexandra Garcia and Carlos Garcia.

Visitation will be Saturday, Sept. 23 at Canal Point Methodist Church with funeral services to follow at 2 p.m.

Arrangements by Glades Funeral Chapel, Belle Glade.

Wedding

Britt/Stamm

Catherine Gilbert Britt and James C. Stamm Jr. were joined in marriage on Aug. 25, 2000.

The bride is the daughter of Glenn & Joyce Gilbert of Royal Palm Beach. The groom is the son of James & Grace Stamm Sr. of Boca Raton.

The wedding ceremony was held at The Kumulani Chapel at the Ritz Carlton Hotel on the island of Maui, Hawaii. Reverend Pia Alula officiated at the ceremony.

The Chapel was decorated with four arrangements of off-white roses with Hawaiian flowers and greenery, enhancing the lighting of the Unity Candle.

The bride wore a long, ivory, beaded dress with an ivory beaded head piece. She carried a bouquet of off-white roses with an ivory ribbon.

The maid of honor was Donna Allison of Miami. The best man was Edward Floyd of Miami.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Annuette Room at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Maui.

After the honeymoon trip to Maui, Hawaii, the couple is at home in Boca Raton.

The groom is employed as an Executive Vice-President with The Stamm Agency. The bride is employed as a Farm Coordinator with U.S. Sugar Corporation.



Mr. and Mrs. James C. Stamm

Xi Iota Alpha fetes Vera Robinson

The Xi Iota Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its first meeting of the year at First Community Bank in Belle Glade on Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 7:30 p.m. Jeanelle Meredith was the hostess. In appreciation of two years of service as President, Irma Goggans presented Vera Robinson with a wonderful scrapbook, full of fond memories and fantastic pictures.

The Officers for 2000-2001 are as follows: President-Micah Corbin, Vice President-Irma Goggans, Secretary-Rosemary Buchanan, Treasurer-Jeanelle Meredith, Corresponding Secretary-Debbie Williams, and Extension Officer-Vera Robinson. The Committee Chairwomen are as follows: Ways & Means-Karen McCarthy, Program-Jody Hindman, Publicity/Historian-Kelly L. Smith, Remembrance-Debbie Williams, Social-Jeanelle Meredith, Membership-Irma Goggans.

Contact-Rosemary Buchanan.

On Aug. 26, our Beginning Day social was held in Lake Placid at the new lake home of Ken and

Vera Robinson. Food and fun were very plentiful, and a great time was had by all. What a wonderful start for the new year-Go Xi Iota Alpha!

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FIGHTING GATORS



The Glades Day School Fighting Gator football team for this season are: Nicky Sanchez #1, Chris Sisson #5, Justin Miller #8, Kyle McNamara #10, Eric Molares #11, Brannen Thomas #15, Micah Thomas #18, Shaun McKinstry #20, Brandon McMillan #21, Jonathan Allen #22, Ethan Brunson #31, Richard Hodges #34, Tito Mirabal #40, Chris Coker #44, Dale Britt #45, Matt Sanchez #50, Jordan Keene #51, Justin Meeks #52, Matt Prescott #53, Eric Edwards #56, Jason Miller #58, Clayton Norman #69, Chris Russell #74, Justin Gilmer #76, Trey Dean #77, Andy Matthews #78, Romy Alvarez #88. Craig Dobson is the head coach, Eric Pitts, Brian Seider and Mike Underwood are assistant coaches.

Glades Day Gators' shut out Pompano Beach

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza

The Glades Day Gators, under the guidance of Coach Dobson, posted a 27-0 victory against visiting Pompano Beach on Friday night and improved upon their season record: 2-1 overall, 1-0 district.

Chris Sisson, WR/DB #5, went for two passes with a 35-yard touchdown, and Ethan Brunson, K/DB #31, completed 12 carries and 59 yards rushing. They

worked together with the entire team to clinch the 10-0 win. The defense also played a very good game, the coach said. Romy Alvarez, TE/DE #11, succeeded in forcing a fumble which helped the team to score.

The next team the Gators will be facing is King's Academy. Glades Day expects to play more players in this game. "We're looking forward to a pretty good game against King's," said Coach Dobson. "We have two

players that were transferred over from King's Academy. Ethan Brunson and Chris Russell played for King's last year."

"They were pretty young last year so we were able to win... they're young this year also," said Coach Dobson citing last year's 50-0 win against King's Academy last year.

Coach Dobson said his keys for victory include playing good defense and moving the ball a lot. The Gators will play at King's Academy on Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Pahokee's Devils record now 0-2

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza

Despite the team's loss, the Pahokee Blue Devils are expecting great things from Irving Jenkins, RB/DB #22, who lit the night with his explosive performance against Suncoast on Friday.

"He's excited and explosive," said Assistant Coach Darren Hill of his Blue Devil Wide Receiver.

Irving Jenkins ran 82 yards, avoiding the entire Suncoast defensive line in the second quarter to score a touchdown for the team. The team quickly gained momentum, but were ultimately kept back by visiting Suncoast.

Darren Hill, WR #15, also performed well Friday, catching 5 passes. During one of the plays, Everson Sanders, WR/DB #2, was injured. Everson broke one of his femur bones and was taken to the hospital where the bone was operated on. Due to the injury, Sanders will be removed from the Devils' roster for the rest of the season.

Lady Gators take 2nd in Gold Division tourney

The Lady Gators took second place in the Palm Beach County Varsity Volleyball Tournaments hosted by Palm Beach Atlantic College on Sept. 15-16.

The Lady Gators handed Cardinal Newman and Lake Worth Christian their first losses of the season so they tried with 16 other area schools for the Gold Division Title.

Leading the Gators in points were Crystal Doney with 39 and Jessica Perez with 28. Crystal Doney had 37 kills and 28 digs. Hela Barhouh had 36 kills and 18 digs. Crystal Doney was also credited with 30 assists.

The Lady Gators were defeated in the first game by Class 5A powerhouse Lake Worth High School.

Coach Kathie McReynolds said her Lady Gators showed drive and determination but were matched by their opponents during the two-day event. She is looking forward to the upcoming Palm Beach Lakes tournament the weekend of September 29.

In the end, Suncoast's 27 points beat out Pahokee's 14. Pahokee's record now stands at 0-2.

Coach Ford said, after the game, that his football players are learning how to play together and added enthusiastically, "You can believe this team will be successful."

The next football team on the Devils' list is Wellington High.

Coach Ford described Wellington as being a well-disciplined team whose offense runs as a version of a wing: "It can be tricky at times, but we have

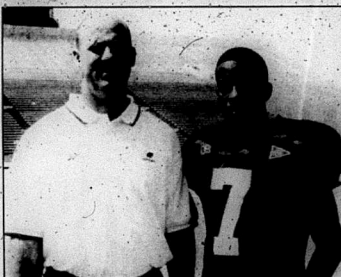
trust in our guys to stop it," said Coach Ford. "We're looking to get on the scoreboard."

The Devils will play against Wellington in an away game, Sept. 22.

"We're going to have to stick to the fundamentals and execute better play defense," Assistant Coach Hill said when asked about their strategy for the next game.

Coach Hill said he expects a tough game against Wellington and that the next game will be dedicated to Everson Sanders.

MESSAM PLAYS FOR MICHIGAN



Sophomore Steve Messam of South Bay and Glades Central Raiders alumni is a member of the Central Michigan football team. Pictured with assistant coach Willie Martinez, Messam is a wide receiver. The Chippewas opened at Purdue on Sept. 2. The home opener is against Akron on Sept. 9 and kickoff at Kelly/Shorts Stadium is at 1 p.m.

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Raiders sprint past Clewiston

The Glades Central Raiders came onto Cane Field in Clewiston last Friday night like a sprinter out of the starting blocks, scoring three times in the first quarter from 62, 69 and 40 yards out to build a 19-0 lead that proved to be the difference in a hard-fought 40-20 victory over the rival Tigers.

Superior speed, a more effective passing game and a couple of breaks put Central in the winning column for the 23rd straight time.

After scoring on the 62-yard pass, the Raiders were stopped by Clewiston on their next drive and lined up to punt. The snap sailed over the punter's head, but he was able to pick it up and turn upfield for 69 yards and Central's second touchdown of the night.

Clewiston never recovered, though they did put together three impressive scoring drives of their own, including one late in the second half and another early in the third quarter that cut the score to 27-14.

The Raiders then broke the Tigers' backs with a 58-yard kickoff return to break the Clewiston momentum and set the stage for the final margin.



A Glades Central coach helps #3 DeJuan Brown work the dinks out on the sidelines Friday night before going back in to start the second half of play as defensive back #14 Keenan Ricks looks on. Despite a 27-14 halftime lead over the Clewiston Tigers, the Raiders were taking nothing for granted, and came out in the second half ready for serious action.

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Randy Gay	24	5
Rick Gold	22	7
Billy Rimes	23	6
Adrian "Big A" Vereen	23	6

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